

Remarks/Arguments:

The specification is amended, hereby, to correct an inadvertent clerical error. By the instant amendment the text "position in SEQ ID NO: 2" is inserted between the lines "SEQ ID NO: 20: 395-412" and "SEQ ID NO: 21: 718-739" of the paragraph spanning pages 12 and 13 of the present application.

In accordance with the "Sequence Listing" in the subject application, the oligonucleotides identified as SEQ ID NOS: 3 to 20 correspond to nucleotide sequences appearing in SEQ ID NO: 1. Also in accordance with the "Sequence Listing," the oligonucleotides identified as SEQ ID NOS: 21 to 27 correspond to nucleotide sequences appearing in SEQ ID NO: 2. Accordingly, the text as amended, hereby, reflects a correction that would have been readily apparent to one of ordinary skill in the art.

The error occurs in the English language translation of the international PCT application, but not in the French language original. That is, the text inserted in the specification, hereby, appears in the paragraph spanning pages 12-13 of the French language international application, published as WO 99/55 908. Copies of pages 12 and 13 of the published international application are attached, hereto.

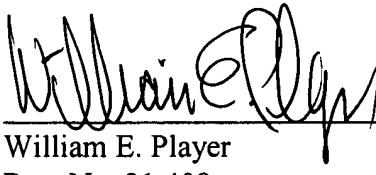
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Favorable action is requested.

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